Workmen's Compensation Bill.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Sir I beg to move to introduce the Cochin Workmen's Compensation Bill and in doing so as I said just before it is not necessary to make a long speech because this Bill also is more or less a copy of an enactment in India. Recent occurrences have compelled some of us to think about introducing such a Bill. At a meeting of the Labourers held on the other day a resolution was passed requesting the Members of the Legislative Council and the Government to Introduce a Bill of this nature and I therefore prepared this Bill. Although this is a copy of an enactment elsewhere, very recenty some amendments have been passed or are being considered by the Legislative Assembly to make this enactment more useful. These amendments are not incorporated in this Bill and unless the Bill be sent to a Select Committee it may not be possible for us to consider those amendments and bring it into line with the Act now in force in British India. I request the House to appoint a Select Committee to consider this Bill.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Legislative Council.—The title of the Bill is 'The Cochin Workmen's Compensation Bill'.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I move that the Bill may be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. K. Ayyappan, E. Ikkanda Warriar, Paul Mampilli, K. P. Vallon, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar, mover and the Government Advocate.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran —The Diwan Peishkar and the Director of Public Instruction may also be included.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, I have no objection.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—I beg to second it.

Motion put and carried.

President.—The Diwan Peishkar will be the Chairman and the Committee should report within a month.

Debt conciliation Bill etc.,

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I request the Chair to permit me to introduce these three Bills, *viz*, (1) The Cochin Debt Conciliation Bill, (2) The Cochin Agriculturists' Relief Bill and (3) The Cochin Registration of Sales Bill, tomorrow.

President.—Yes.

Resolutions:—Privilege leave after the date of Superannuation.—(*cont*)

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, we are on the resolution that the officers may not be given the privilege leave to which they are entitled once they have completed their 55th year. I don't see any reason why the leave to which they are entitled should be denied to them. Privilege leave is something

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